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CalEPA Announces Early Transfer of Former Fort Ord Property to the City of Del Rey Oaks

SACRAMENTO---The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) today announced that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has approved an early transfer of property on the former Fort Ord Military Base in Monterey County to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority. The Fort Ord Reuse Authority will in turn transfer the property to the City of Del Rey Oaks for development.

In a letter dated December 2, 2005, the Governor agreed with the United States Environmental Protection Agency that the property is suitable to transfer. The transfer will enable the City of Del Rey Oaks to develop a golf course, resort, and commercial establishments on the approximately 324 acres being transferred. The development project will generate an estimated 2,200 jobs and represent significant economic development for this mostly residential city.

"This early transfer to the City of Del Rey Oaks will put this parcel into productive use and be of great economic benefit to the city and the surrounding communities," said CalEPA Secretary, Dr. Alan C. Lloyd.

The Army previously used the property for target practice training with antitank rockets, small arms, machine guns, rifle grenades and shoulder launched projectiles. The Army removed ordnance items from the property using the best available technology, which can detect nearly all munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) items. To additionally assure public safety in the development and reuse of the land, the Department of Toxic Substances Control signed a Land Use Covenant with the Army and an Enforceable Agreement with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority and the City of Del Rey Oaks. The Covenant and the Agreement restrict use of the property and provide additional safeguards for future development, reuse and ongoing maintenance of the property.

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